

# FACT SHEET

## MISSOURI WESTERN STATE COLLEGE

### The WESTERN Student Fall 2002

Western's total student enrollment for Fall 2002 is 5,232 of which 61% are female and 39% are male. Ninety-four percent (4,925) are enrolled as degree-seeking. Seventy-five percent (3,932) are full-time students.

Ninety-one percent (4,748) of the students are Missouri residents with 69% (3,625) of the total enrollment being from our immediate ten-county service area. We have 20 international students attending MWSC.

The average age of all our students is 24 years. We have 103 students under the age of 18 and 25 students who are 65 years old or older. Twenty-three percent of all students are nontraditional (age 25 and older).

A total of 1,234 students entered Western in Fall 2002 as first-time degree-seeking freshmen. For Fall 2002, these students have an average enhanced ACT score of 19.3. Seven percent (87) of those entering college for the first-time are 22 years old or older. Twenty-one percent of the entering students were in the upper 20% of their high school graduation class.

Eighteen percent (269) of the new degree-seeking students at Western transfer from other institutions. There are 174 new students from approximately 35 Missouri colleges and universities, and 95 new students transferred from 22 other states to enroll at Western in the fall semester, 2002. Our major 2-year "feeder" schools in Missouri are Maple Woods Community College (39), North Central Missouri College (34), Moberly Community College (11), and Longview Community College (7). Our major 4-year "feeder" schools are Northwest Missouri State University (12), University of Missouri—Columbia (12), Central Missouri State University (6), and University of Missouri—Kansas City (6). There are 28 students from colleges and universities in Kansas (9 of those are from Highland Community College), 14 from Iowa colleges and universities, 11 from Nebraska, 8 from Texas, and 6 are from California.

Western students enrolled in 62,123 semester hours of course work in the Fall 2002 semester for an average of 11.87 credit hours per student.

More than 13% of our students who report their ethnic origin are minorities. Of the total enrollment, 10% are African-Americans. Caucasians comprise about 86% of the student enrollment.

In the 2001-2002 academic year, Western awarded 775 degrees and certificates. Of this number, 91.7% (711) were baccalaureate degrees, 6.7% (52) were associate degrees, and 1.5% (12) certificates were awarded.